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November 2, 2015

The Honorable Richard Stengel
Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs
U.S. Department of State
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Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Under Secretary Stengel,

In the interest of promoting understanding between the People's Republic of China and the United States, the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the U.S. would like to establish an exchange program that works in consonance with Section 108A of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 (Public Law 87-256, as amended) and the regulations at 22 C.F.R., Part 64.

The program would be entitled the "U.S.-China Transpacific Exchange Program". The purpose of the program is to provide the Members of Congress and/or the congressional staff the opportunity to enhance their understanding on the cultural, economic, political and social developments of the People's Republic of China, thus helping strengthen China-U.S. relations.

It is anticipated that we would arrange two to three program visits to China per year, each with duration of stay in China of up to 14 days, for delegations of up to 15 members of Congress and/or congressional staff. Each trip would include visits to relevant areas of China for meetings with government officials, the academia, the business community, policy makers and the media, among others. Site visits would also be arranged to governmental, educational, cultural, scientific, manufacturing, financial and other institutions. A cultural component will be included in all program visits.

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The Government of the People's Republic of China, as represented by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the U.S., is the sponsor of this program. It will fund all activities of this program and no private funds will be used. However, no funding will be provided for expenses incurred by or for any member of the family or household of the federal employees participating in the program. The National People's Congress and the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs will be the host organizations in China. The U.S.-China Transpacific Foundation, working with the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, will coordinate and execute the program in the U.S.

The contact in the U.S. with whom communication may be made concerning the program is Mr. Zhang Min, Minister Counselor for Congressional Affairs, the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, 3505 International Place, N.W. Washington D.C. 20008; Telephone: 202-4952192, Fax: 202-2440268. The Embassy will notify the U.S. Department of State whenever there is any change to the program contact.

We believe these exchanges will be invaluable to strengthen China-U.S. relations in their ability to promote direct, meaningful and sustained interactions and dialogues between Chinese and American policymakers.

We look forward to the opportunity to implement this exchange program.

With warm regards,



Cui Tiankai
Ambassador



UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR PUBLIC DIPLOMACY
AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

December 21, 2015

Dear Ambassador Tiankai:

On behalf of the U.S. Department of State, I am pleased to approve the cultural exchange program proposed by the Embassy of China. The *U.S.-China Transpacific Exchange Program*, as described, complies with the requirements of Section 108A of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended [Public Law 87-256] and the implementing regulations set forth in 22 CFR Part 64. The Government of China may conduct programming consistent with these provisions and the approved tenets of this program. As such, the participation of eligible U.S. Federal employees is authorized.

I wish you much success in the implementation of this program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Stengel", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Stengel
Under Secretary of State for
Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs

His Excellency
Cui Tiankai,
The Chinese Ambassador,
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Itinerary of Congressional Senior Staff Trip to China - 6th Oct - 15th Oct 2017

Date/Time	Day	Location	Activity Type	Activities	Coordinator	Status	Note
6-Oct to 7-Oct	Fri to Sat	/	Flight (via VIP channel)	Arrive in Beijing on Oct 7th afternoon at 2pm		to confirm	
8-Oct	Sun	Beijing	Tour	Local attractions		to confirm	
		Beijing	Dinner	Welcome reception host by Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs		to confirm	
				*Panel discussion co-organise by CITIC Foundation, Tsinghua University, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China International Institute for Strategic Society (relating to politics and Legislation TBD)			
9-Oct	Mon	Beijing	Forum		Chen Yan	to confirm	
		Beijing	Official visit	US embassy		to confirm	
				*Visit Financial & Economic Committee of NPC and Beijing Municipal Government			
				*Panel discussion on environmental governance/environment protection/new market		to confirm	
		Beijing	Visit and Forum	Visit China TransInfo Corp (smart city, smart transportation...)		to confirm	
10-Oct	Tue	Beijing -- Hangzhou	Company visit			to confirm	
		Hangzhou	Flight (via VIP channel)			to confirm	
			Official visit	Visit Hangzhou Municipal Government		to confirm	
			Academy Visit	Visit Zhejiang University		to confirm	
11-Oct	Wed	Hangzhou	Company visit	Visit Alibaba		to confirm	
			Tour	Visit local attractions (e.g. West Lake)		to confirm	
		Hangzhou	Tour	Visit Hangzhou G20 Summit main venue (Hangzhou International Expo Centre)		to confirm	
12-Oct	Thurs	Hangzhou -- Shanghai	Express Railway (via VIP Channel departure and arrival)			to confirm	
			Official visit	Visit public transportation/infrastructure in Shanghai: Shanghai Center, Magnetically Levitated Train		to confirm	
			Official visit	Visit Shanghai Municipal Government (receive by deputy mayor)		to confirm	
13-Oct	Fri	Shanghai	Company visit	Visit E-House (China) Holdings Limited		to confirm	
			Company visit	Visit NEXTEV Co. Ltd		to confirm	
14-Oct	Sat	Shanghai	Tour	Visit Chel Moishes Synagogue		to confirm	
		Shanghai -- Washington DC	Tour	Local attractions		to confirm	
15-Oct	Sun	Washington DC	Flight (via VIP channel)	/	/	to confirm	

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